



My Wish



ORD, let me be like a lily fair, So humble, submissive and true. My life, my love, that I count so rare, This hour I give to you.

Lord, let me be like a bird on wings, To flood each heart and soul; That I may, through trouble sing While the joy in my heart doth roll.

May I always wear a pleasant smile, And never be found playing with a frown; O Lord, you can help me find life worth while In this world so large and round.

My wish is to be like the flowers fair, So humble, submissive and true; O Lord, let me be like the lily rare, That I may give the best I have to you.

-Cleta Mae Jennings.

THE GROUND OF

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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Notices

To the pastors in West Virginia: Greetings in Jesus. We have decided to set aside the fifth Sunday in June, which will be June 30, as a special missionary day. We are asking each pastor to take a special offering on that day for missions. Where pastors have more than one church, please have some one make a missionary talk and take the offerings in the churches that you are absent from on that day. Be sure to do your best for this worthy cause. Send one-half of the amount raised to E. J. Boehmer, Montgomery Ave., Cleveland, Tennessee, and the other half to A. T. Little, 53 Moore St., Salem, W. Va. Remember your aged Ministers' fund, ten cents per member, Please raise this at once if you have not already done so. And those who have not yet raised your forty cents per member, please keep working at that until you put it over. Let us not fail on any of these, as they are all very much needed. Can we depend on you?-Yours in His service, H. N. Scoggins, Overseer of West Virginia.

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Address all mail for E. W. Williams to Box 104, Wimauma, Fla., until further notice.

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Camp meeting for the Blanton's Grove district will convene at Blanton's Grove church June 15-23 inclusive. Brother E. B. Culpepper will be in charge. We invite all to come and be with us and enjoy a feast of good thingsfrom Father's table.—John J. Floyd, district pastor.

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The district convention of the Church of God on the Pulaski district will convene at Pulaski on Lee Street June 27-30 inclusive, under the management of the writer. All are invited to come and help make this a great feast. I am asking all churches on the district to close your services on Sunday, the 30th, and come. There will be good music and singing and many good subjects by good speakers. There will be a Y. P. E. program and business. I ask each church and pastor to begin praying now for the convention. The Radford, Pulaski, and Parrott string bands will be on hand. Everybody come! -Your humble servant, W. B. Davis, district overseer. * * *

We are happy to announce that our new church is completed. We have a beautiful building 36x50, for which we thank the Lord. On Sunday, June 30,

Brother Paulk, our state overseer, will

be with us and dedicate the church. We will have an all-day meeting, with basket dinner on the grounds. Everybody is invited to come. We want you to be with us and enjoy the blessings of the Lord. Come expecting a feast from heaven. Don't forget the date, June 30, at Warrenville, S. C. Please pray for us.—Humbly, A. B. Reed, pastor.

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The Church of God at Beasley Chapel would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following. Lodie Basswell, Gracie Tucker, Ellen Browder, Lina Sanders, Opal Jernigan, Gracie Flowers, Bessie Gaines. We ask that each one of these make a report to the clerk by the third quarterly conference which will be held July 1st.—Kelly Lovelace, c'erk, Rt 6, Ripley, Tenn.

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CORRECTION: In the Evangel of June 1 there was a request from Brother D. D. David, Rt. 1, Truman, Ark. At the bottom was a note stating that he was a deacon in the Church of God at Marked Tree, with Brother A. P. Mc Elyea's name signed to it. This was a mistake. Brother McElyea is the deacon to whom Brother David requested that donations be sent for him.

To the members of the Church of God at Mobeetie, Tex., who live away: Please send in your 10c for aged ministers' fund at once.—Lester Beasley, pastor, Rt. 1, Box 23, Mobeetie, Texas.

Come! Come! Come to the Tuscaloosa district convention which is to convene at Buhl, Ala., fifteen miles west of Tuscaloosa, June 14-16. Our state overseer is to be with us.—M. D. Harrwood, district pastor.

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To the Sunday Schools, superintendents, and pastors on the Morristown district: Let's go over the top in our Sunday School work and make this the most successful year we have ever had. I am going to depend on you to do your

best to get the state banner on the district, and wave it like soldiers of the cross at our district Sunday School convention.—Yours for bigger and better Sunday Schools, J. F. Lowe, Dist. S. S. Supt.

Any one desiring my services, please write me at 129 Center St., Morristown, Tenn.—J. F. Lowe.

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To those desiring to write me: My address has been changed from 1004 Mc-Dowell Ave., to R. F. D., Box 330, Roanoke, Va.—J. H. Daniels.

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Any one wanting evangelistic work and not afraid to go to new fields, we need you on South Plains. Let me hear from you. We will do our best to help you.—Wilma Henry, district pastor, Rt. 3, Brownfield, Tex.

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You are invited to attend the reviva now in progress at the Church of God Washington St., Shelby, N. C. This i the greatest revival in this place in years. Brother Eugene M. Bryant is do ing the preaching.—A friend.

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This is to certify that C. E. Richard is now in the evangelistic work. Any one desiring him for a revival give him a call. He will do you good in new fields or in your churches. He was loved by the church at Carbon Hill, Ala., but felt called to evangelistic work. He left the church in good shape and is in perfect harmony with the district pastor and state overseer.—Yours for the Master's work, L. W. Ledbetter, district pastor, Dora district.

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I want to know the address of Brothand Sister Curt Lovelace. I have lost it. Pray for this little band at Pine Free.—Your sister, Rosa Fitzgerald, clerk, Haleyville, Ala.

There will be a home coming at Broxton, Ga., the fifth Sunday in June. Ev-(Continued on page 9)

All-Occasions Sermon Outlines

Book No. 3, prepared by John C. Jernigan, Somerset, Ky., consisting of one hundred loose-leaf outlines. These outlines are all new, never before in print, and carefully prepared to meet the demands of general use in this last day ministry. It contains forty subjects suitable for pastoral work, forty for evangelistic work, five for funerals, and one subject for such special occasions as Christmas, New Year, Thanksgiving, Easter, Independence Day, Memorial Day, baptismal service, feet washing, communion services, to young people, to children, to parents, ordination service, Sunday School work and dedicatory services. Price, \$1.00. Order of Church of God Publishing House, Cleveland, Tennessee.

God Heals the Sick

EVANGELIST SAM C. PERRY

T O many divine healing is a precious reality. Some feel that only for the fact that at some time or other God answered prayer and healed them of some serious trouble, they would not now be living. It is so with this writer, and on several occasions, and of others we know.

The doctrine and practice of healing by prayer and faith has an important place among us. That it is a Bible teaching not even the most critical can deny. Many arc the instances of healing both in the Old and New Testaments. It is a part of God's great provision for His people. However, the question arises as to its proper place and value in the Church. Can it be overemphasized, or stressed beyond its true importance? Some think so.

If healing for the body is in the atonement of Jesus, as many prominent Bible teachers declare it is, and we believe they are right about it (read Isa. 53:4, 5; Matt. 8:16, 17; 1 Peter 2:24), then it certainly rests on a solid foundation.

As the disciples were sent to preach the gospel to all the world, the healing of the sick was one of the signs that should follow. "They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover," Mark 16:18, and among the gifts set in the church as a part of its complement, "gifts of healing" is fourth in the list. 1 Cor. 12:8. In James 5:14 prayer with the anointing of oil is a part of the ministry of the elders for the healing of any who are sick and call for them. Rom. 8: 11 connects healing with the presence and ministry of the Holy Spirit. "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you." A very significant statement is found in 3 John 2. "Beloved I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." From these last two scriptures would it not seem that ordinarily physical healing and health should accompany the victorious Christian life? Another marvelous promise which we believe comprehends all that God has provided for soul and body, is found in 1 John 5:14, "And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us."

With such an array of scriptural background as this, it does not seem possible to overemphasize healing by prayer and faith. Especially, if Jesus the great life giver first be recognized as head and the source of "all that pertains to life and godliness." If some do make extravagant c.aims sometimes, we believe that those who are sincere followers of the Lord soon fall in line with the plain teachings of His Word.

Now with healing so prominent in the Scriptures, and in the early church, and as it is with us today, what shall be our attitude to the children of God who do not get healed, or if they do, it is delayed and they are called on to suffer in their bodies? Shall we condemn them, or feel that they are lacking in their Christian experiences? No, in no wise.

It is a wonderful thing to be privi-leged to call upon God and have Him heal our bodies. Such a blessing should be received in great humility and with thankfulness to our heavenly Father, who but for His great mercy could do nothing for any of us. We know that in Bible times some were sick because of their sins and as a judgment from God. Some were sick because of their personal habits and some as a corrective measure, and doubtless many are sick today for the same reasons. But there are cases mentioned where there is no reference to sin whatever. From James 5:15, "if he have committed sins they shall be forgiven him," we infer that some whose sickness was in no way connected with sin or wrong doing would call for the

In Phil. 2:25-30 we read of the serious sickness of Epaphroditus. He was a colaborer of the Apostle Paul, who commended him very highly, with no reference to any cause for his sickness, except "for the work of Christ he was nigh unto death." Read 2 Kings 20:1-11. There is no evidence here that Hezekiah's sickness was the result of sin, or that there was any thing displeasing to God in his life at that time. If so, his prayer in verse 3 would have been hypocritical and God wou'd not have answered him at all.

In the case of Lazarus (John 11:1) and of Dorcas (Acts 9:36) there is no intimation of any sin or any thing displeasing to God in any way in either life. Evidently Elisha was sick for a time before his death (2 Kings 13:14-21) but the God of battles was with him in his sickness. There is a promise for the sick found in Psa. 41:1-3. "Thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness." It is not stated if it be a deathbed or otherwise. It could be one as well as the other.

Then if good, holy, Spirit-filled peo-

ple are sick, and others get sick, what are we going to do about it? Just what we have been doing all along. Read, teach, and apply all the precious promises and means given in God's Word for healing, with all our hearts. If we cannot understand why some are not healed when we pray, and when others who seem to have faith have prayed, we will just leave them in the hands of the Lord and go right ahead. The Lord knows all about it.

Personally, we believe that some of the most spiritual, humble, Christ-like people we have known suffered long and painful sicknesses. God does not offer to explain all of His ways to His creatures. He has holy purposes to accomplish sometimes in bodily afflictions and sickness, as well as in His dealings with His people on all other lines, that are beyond our comprehension. But we know that Jesus is the great Physician. Thousands have been healed definitely and beyond question. Other thousands are being healed still. So here we stand 1 or this glorious truth. Amen.

Y. P. E. CONVENTION A BLESSING

The Lord is still blessing here in a wonderful way. We have just had our district Y. P. E. convention and to say it was good would be putting it mild. It was one of the best conventions I was ever in. The city was very nice to us and gave us free access to the high school auditorium, and say! it was certainly packed.

The day was filled with good things and my, what singing and music! I tell you there are some wonderful talents on this district among the young people. The churches of the district are Electra, Iowa Park, Wichita Falls, Henrietta, Olney, and Burkburnett and they were all well represented. The superintendent of the schools of the city spent a big part of the day with us. He spoke well of the work that was being done by our young people. He estimated our crowd as about seven or eight hundred.

This convention was in charge of our district president, Miss Bessie Shannon, assisted by the writer. Sister Shannon is a real leader for young people. This is her first year in this kind of work but she certainly is doing good work. Our district pastor, Brother A. V. Beaube, brought us a wonderful message at the eleven o'clock hour. We had with us the B. T. S. Quartet of Texas. This is their home district and their singing was certainly appreciated by all. Every one please pray for the Y. P. E. work on this district.—J. T. Campbell, pastor of Iowa Park church.

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FACE MEDICINE

A Hindu trader in India once said to a native Christian:

"What medicine do you put on your face to make it shine so?"

"I don't put on anything," was the astonished reply.

"You may expect me to believe that if you like, but tell me, what do you put on?"

"Nothing," answered the Christian again, "I don't put anything on."

By this time the heathen was losing his patience and he said: "Yes, you do; all Christians do. I have seen it in Agra, and I have seen it in Surat, and I have seen it in Bombay."

Then the Christian understood, and his glowing face shone all the more as he said: "Yes, I'll tell you the secret. It is happiness of heart."

It is a remarkable fact, attested by missionaries in various lands, that there is such a difference between the faces of native Christians and those of the heathen that it is impossible to make the mistake of the two.—Golden Sheaves.

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—O— MINUTES

We have a few hundred copies of the reprint of Minutes on hand. Please remember this book contains 157 pages, filled with excerpts from ministers' addresses, state reports, etc., as given during the General Assembly at Chattanooga, Tenn., also contains all rules and regulations adopted in former General Assemblies which still remain in vogue. Price 35c each; \$3.50 per dozen; special price to agents.

GERMANY

A move to gag the entire German press except the Nazi wing was announced by Max Amann, president of the Reich Press Chamber. All Jews are barred from the publishing business. Neither will church publications be permitted to flourish.

Wholesale arrest of Catholic nuns and monks, allegedly for violating the exchange regulations, was revealed in Berlin. All were taken into custody in the course of a nation-wide purge of similar violators.—Pathfinder.

Max Amann states that the national socialist papers have been losing out in circulation. Part of the suppression campaign is, "Newspapers shall not thru their contents cater to confessional, professional, or limited interests circle of persons." Newspapers affected by this paragraph must liquidate in three months. Germany, like Italy, proposes that only those things in harmony with government policy may be rendered avai'able for the general public. Tighter the bands and heavier the hand of dictatorship falls upon the nations.

—O— WHAT ABOUT THIS?

Mrs. Roosevelt has addressed several Negro gatherings since she became First Lady of the land. She recently spoke under the auspices of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People-an organization which Communist leaders claim to have recently invaded. In reporting the speech, a Negro newspaper prints her picture and says: "First Lady Helps Get 600 New Members." On the same page there appears another picture of a black man flirting with a white girl, accompanied with this announcement: "Russian students leaving summer school at the University of Moscow American students are getting special invitations from Russia." The obvious inference is that Negro men who desire the affection of white women wi'l do well to visit Moscow during the coming summer.—Defender.

—O— GAMBLING IN THE UNITED STATES

This is the name of a pamphlet by Mr. Pringle of the International Reform Federation, full of ominous facts. This sinister industry is becoming a major industry. In Chicago there are now seventy-three factories manufacturing gambling devices, and the monthly intake of New York slot machines alone exceeds the yearly intake of Monte Carlo. Tons of advertising and catalogues of gambling devices pass through the mails.

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EVANGEL DRIVE

We are offering a nice list of valuable premiums for securing a certain number of subscriptions during June, July and August. Please let us rally to the front and keep the paper going. Help us reach as many new homes as possible.

—O— JOB PRINTING

Yes, we do job printing of the better kind. The NRA has been knocked out. Our prices will not be unfair but will be reasonable. Write us for estimate on your books, booklets, song books, letterheads, billheads, statements, envelopes, etc.

—O— THE WORD OF GOD AND ANGLO-ISRAELISM

While the Anglo-Israelites batter away at the truth, claiming Britain is dispersed Israel, John the Baptist came preaching to the Jews but called them Israel, John 1:31. St. Paul preaching in Antioch addressed the people as, "Ye men of Israel," Acts 13:17, 23. It was the understanding of the New Testament writers that Israel was among the Jews. In Acts 13:24 it is stated that John preached repentance "to all the people of Israel."

COMMUNISM IN CHINA

W. N. Ewer, correspondent to the Lendon Daily Herald, reports that Chiang Kai Shek has been able to score definite success against the troops of Chinese Soviet Republic. He has been more concerned of ridding China of communism than of trying to ward off Japan. "Before the irresistible pressure the red armies have been forced to give way. The armies of Chiang Kai Shek have conquered the main Soviet territory." The watchword of his 1934 campaign was, "Surround the bandits and annihilate them at one blow."

A Call to Arms and Our Armor

E. C. CLARK, Editor

INTRODUCTION

If we could view the nations of today, whether in Europe or America, we wou do see them arming on land, sea and in the air. Not only are the nations building all necessary war machines and vessels, but gases of various and deadly types are in development, incident to both offensive and defensive warfare. To all mechanical war developments and technicalities must be added the necessary man power to operate them. To provide such there is constant increase in national standing armies, both by volunteers and conscription.

TEXT: "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil," Eph. 6:

Parties involved in Christian warfare are all professed followers of

Christ. There is none of us who are exempt from service; because, your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour. 1 Peter 5:8. Therefore, whether you desire to fight or not, you must choose between being devoured and fighting. For you and each of you who care to be saved and render service for your Master, God has prepared for your conflict by providing a coat of mail, which will equip the individual for both offensive and defensive warfare.

Let us consider two things in connection with the Christian's conflict: 1. You must be prepared to cope with "the wiles of the devil." "Wiles" would be better understood if translated "methods." Satan is not vaguely sparring at the Christian; he has well developed methods. These have been in accomplishment over a period of ages, and are the plans and strength of evil principalities and powers, under the supervision of the rulers of the darkness of this world. 2. These powers and rulers are spiritual. v. 13. These are located in "heavenly places" for the purpose of hindering your prayers and fellowship with God.

THE CHRISTIAN ARMOR

Consists (1) of an enduement of power from on high Lk. 24:49. There is no way to cope with evil "powers" except by being more powerfully equipped and endued.

This enduement consists of three things: 1. An infilling of the Spirit to provide comfort, utterance of Spirit, and

power to carry to an accomplishment the purpose or counsel of our will in harmony with the purpose of God. (2) It includes a clothing of the Spirit. Greek word "enduo," as used in Luke 24:49, means to put on, to clothe, invest, array, etc. The Hebrew word 'lovash" has identical meanings as used in the Hebrew translation of Luke 24: 49. (3) It includes the gifts and graces of the Spirit. These spring out or grow out of the enduement, or investment of the power of the Holy Spirit. We learn to use these most effectively by being Spirit-led. The Apostle Paul gives us a striking illustration of the Christian in action. "I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air." 1 Cor. 9:26. The Christian's conduct must be well disciplined,

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so that his race is not one of uncertainty; his stroke at Satan both in his ministry and testimony, must be more than a mere fancy or hobby. He must know how to use his armor for the accomplishment of the purpose for which it was given. It is not enough to wear the name Christian, we are commanded to let our light shine, that men may see our good works and glorify God.

Popular preaching for the compliment or praise of men will not suffice for the purpose of God; therefore, we must not "beat the air"; preach your convictions, go after the lost and dying by giving them the principles of :- th whereby men alone can be saved. Expect God to work in your meetings, and if He does not, become alarmed, examine yourself whether ye be in the faith or not, pray through, do not give up when opposed by the enemy, remember you were called to fight. Guard the sanctuary of truth, as a sleepless sentinel. If you would be promoted or be king, bring back some scalps of your enemies. Make your opposition the means of your promotion and the opportunity of victory for Christ; you cannot have a victory without first being opposed with evil forces. Trust not in your own strength. "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds," 2 Cor. 10:4. It is not enough to quote Shake speare, or put on a program. Start a prayer meeting and preach the truth and hold on, and it will end in a revival or a riot, possibly both.

ARMOR DEFINED

The word "armor" comes from the Greek word "panoplia" (panoply), and means a complete armor, a complete suit of armor, consisting of both offensive and defensive, such as sword, spearshield, breastplate, helmet, etc., Lk. 11: 22; Eph. 6:11, 13. We are to think of

this armor as that of spiritual equipment for the Christian soldier. There is a unique embodiment of truth and power in this armor. The compound word of panoplia in the Greek is composed of "pas", meaning "all," and "hoplon," which means an implement or tool.

The prominent idea is of the soldier going to war, with full regalia and equipment. "Hoplon" is also the root word which comes from "hoplite," meaning a full armed soldier. Now that nations are arming for deadly con-

flict, it becomes the duty of Christians, to also arm for battle with Satan. Not only to arm but to call for volunteers in and through evangelistic effort. If men do not enlist when called upon for service as volunteers, then conscription must be resorted to. Christ said "compel" them to come in, that my house may be filled. Take the initiative, press men for a decision for Christ; the powers of the Throne are behind His loyal workers. However, your success depends upon your allegiance to Christ, and your armor.

Let us consider: 1. That the Christian is a soldier. 2. He is under orders to fight. 3. He must both train and arm. Sometimes training is arming. 4. God provides a whole armor. 5. It is an evil day. 6. It is your duty to stand for truth and right in "the evil day." The evil day is a day of war, hence the call to

THE GIRDLE OF TRUTH

While Paul was in prison at Rome, possibly guarded by a Roman soldier, whom he watched on duty; or possibly (Continued on page 11)

Final Commands

E. B. CULPEPPER

I have been impressed for sometime to write an article and so I write and send forth this message in the fear of the Lord, after praying earnestly for divine guidance.

On certain occasions and under certain conditions we consider the first names used and first things said to be of the greatest importance, but not so do we think concerning our Lord for we are sure that some of the last or final things. He said were of the very greatest importance, hence our subject.

We will first notice the definition of the word "final": pertaining to the end, ultimate, finishing, decisive, that which lasts, or makes an end, the deciding heat of an athletic contest.—Webster's Dictionary.

The first of the final commands of our Christ we will notice is found in Matt. 28:18-20, "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.' Please note that He says to "teach them to observe all things." "Observe": to keep in view; take notice of; celebrate, practice ceremonially; mention; to make observations.— Webster. We wonder why the different denominations do not have the great revivals as they once did, when we were boys in our teens. Undoubtedly this is one of the main reasons- they are not observing to do all things Jesus commanded. Also please note that Jesus closed this command with the word "Amen": verily, so be it. -Webster. Now we infer from this that Iesus intended this to be just this way as the word "verily" means in truth, certainly.-Webster.

Again we notice another of the final commands of Jesus. St. Luke 24:49, "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high." We see that just as soon as He spake these words unto them He led them out as far as Bethany and blessed them and then ascended to heaven. This last blessing was so great that they shouted almost two miles as they returned to the city, and methinks one cause of this unanimous shout, that caused them to forget what the people thought or would say about them, was

that they were returning to the city to do just what the Christ told them to do, as well as the great blessing. He bestowed upon them here. A mile and seven-eighths of another mile shouting, praising and glorifying the Christ who had just died to save them, and was risen from the dead with all power given unto Him in heaven and in earth. I imagine if the writer had been in this number, he would have shouted too, but as I was not I will have to do my shouting now in the 20th century. Hallelujah! I feel just like it now.

Now last but not least of the final commands of our Lord will be found in the sixteenth chapter of St. Mark, verses 15-18. "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." wonder if possibly one of these disciples or apostles could have, or did ask Him the question "Lord, how will we know when the people believe?" But whether they did or not, He tells them in v. 17, 18, "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Please note that these three last great and final commands were given by Jesus after His crucifixion and resurrection, just before His ascension.

I wonder how many of my brother ministers can remember when they have gone to pray for the sick and have seen them instantly healed by the great power of the One who gave us these commands and came from the grave to do this, also how many have seen evil spirits cast out in the name of Him who openeth and no man shutteth and shutteth and no man openeth. The writer can well remember the times when the old poison serpents have come into the services. brought there, of course, by unbelievers, and the great power of God would come down and they would be successfully handled as tho they were pet kittens. Some one may say, "The early disciples did not do this," but I read in verse 20, "And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen." We can readily see, dear ones, that these signs did follow the early disciples of Christ, beyond a doubt, and

we can also see why they followed them as this text in the third phrase of verse 20 says the Lord worked with them, and He (the Lord) confirmed the word with signs following. This is the main and one great essential, to have the Lord work with us, otherwise you had better keep your hands off the rattlers, copperheads, etc. But if the Lord is with us sufficiently, we can handle them successfully as well as heal the sick and cast out devils. However, I fear reproach has come on our good Holy Ghost people by some undertaking to do this without the Lord working with them sufficiently to do these things successfully. I well remember the half dozen times when the Lord worked with me to successfully handle these poison serpents and I can also remember the times when they were taken into the services and I did not handle them because I did not think the Lord was working with me sufficiently for this to be done successfully.

Notice that Jesus closed this command with the word "amen," which means "so be it." Then He wants these things to be just this way, does he not? Thank the Lord, I feel His power this instant

We wish to notice a final command of the great Gentile apostle, Paul. 2 Cor. 13:11, "Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you." Some one will say, "What can I do to keep the victory?" Just obey this one of the final commands of the great apostle, is all that is necessary, as he says just as sure as we do these four things that the God of love and peace shall be with us. Now I will place this word against any one's failure.

Let us see the final command of the wise man Solomon. Eccl. 12:13, 14, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." Some will say, "I am doing my duty by my family or by my country or by my church." Now if you are, you are keeping the commandments of God for He says, "This is the whole duty of man." I think this would include going to Sunday School and prayer meeting, paying tithes, trusting the Lord with our healing, paying our 40c for general indebtedness and 10c for the aged ministers' fund, and in fact, every thing the Church of God teaches. Probably some will say, "What is the result if I do not do my duty?" The next verse plainly tells us just what will be the result. "For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." On this great reckoning day how

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Requests

Dear saints, please join me in prayer that several unspoken requests will be granted.-Mrs. Anna Gilhey, Wheatland, Pa.

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We are in a hard struggle here for the Lord and need your earnest prayers. We will be here about two or three weeks, D. V. If any one would like for us to hold a revival, write me at this address. -Your humble brother, L. J. Potts, Picayune, Miss. ale ale ale

Please pray for the Church of God at Higden, Ark., for we are having a hard fight with the devil. Pray until God undertakes for us. We need a true blue, God-fearing man to come to Higden and stay. If God places this church on your heart, obey.-A sister, Opal Carr.

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Every one pray for the healing of my body. I almost smother to death .--Haskell Compton, Kistler, W. Va.

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I am asking special prayer for my healing. I have a bad stomach trouble. I can hard y live at times. I would be glad to get encouraging letters.-Elder Walter Perry, 2701 Chinn St., Ashland,

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Dear saints, I have neuralgia and other head trouble, also lung trouble and indigestion. I am trying to work on a regular job and drive seventy miles every week and preach. I must have some help. Every one please pray a special prayer for me.-R. S. Barnes, Clinton, S. C. क्षेत्र क्षेत्र क्षेत्र

Please pray a special prayer for the Church of God at Buford, Ga .- Mrs. Pauline Roach.

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I am now in a meeting at Bon Air, Tenn., and I covet your prayers that God wil give us souls. This place seems to be gospel hardened.-J. F. Lowe, evangelist.

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We are in a good revival at Savannah Branch, Sister Alexandria in charge, assisted by her son and Sister Watson. Everybody pray that God will bless every effort .- The pastor, Dewitt Sharp, Bogalusa, La.

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Pray for me. I want a closer walk with God. I have many loved ones in sin who need salvation -A brother in Chris-, Chas. Lee Gibbs, Corbin, Ky.

Pray for the revival at Byrds Chape' with Brother T. M. McClendon in charge. Everybody invited. - Your brother, O. L. McManus, Meadville,

I request every one to pray much for this place. Sin is so strong here. I came here three months ago and six weeks ago began having prayer meeting and organized a Sunday School. God is b'essing. Two more sisters are helping me. Pray for us .- Your sister, Stella Watts, Rt. 1, Truman, Ark.

Please pray a special prayer for the entire healing of my body, also for my mother. Pray for me to be humble and press on .- A sister, Alma Cashatt, Leo, S. C., Rt. 1.

Dear friends, I have an unspoken request for prayer. Please pray a special prayer for me. I must have help from Him. Also pray for my sister who has T. B.-Nettie Pilkinton, Kannapolis, N.

We received the coupons you sent, and we are very grateful. We are confident that you who have not sent yours are planning a shipment soon. We have faith in those who have always stood by us and have been faithful in helping us, and we feel SURE we are going to get that bonus the Octagon Company has of-

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Octagon Soap Powder
Octagon Scouring Cleanser
Octagon Floating Soap
Octagon Soap Chips
Octagon Toilet Soap

BORDEN'S PREMIUM BRANDS

"Magnolia" Condensed Milk
"Star" Condensed Milk
"Challenge" Condensed Milk
"Darling" Condensed Milk
"Darling" Condensed Milk
"Pearl" Evaporated Milk
"Silver Cow" Evaporated Milk

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-Your Orphans.

Death Notices **********

HASTON

Sister Haston, mother of Brother Geo. Haston, a faithful member of the Church of God at Campaign, Tenn., also Ernest, secretary of the state, died April 19, 1935, at the age of seventyseven. She was a consistent member of the Church of God and faithful unto death. The writer conducted the funeral at the old home and interment was made in the family cemetery.-W. S. Wilemon.

* * * DEITZ

Sister Mary Deitz died May 9, 1935, at the age of seventy years, one month and seven days. She was a faithful member of the Church of God at Somerset, Pa. Her husband preceded her in death five years ago. He also was a faithful member of the Church of God here. Both died trusting the Lord.-Geo. 1:. Sabin, clerk, Somerset, Pa. sk sk sk

ROULETT

Sister Nina Roulett was born July 17, 1874, and died May 18, 1935. She had the Holy Ghost and was a faithful member of the Church of God at Maryville, Tenn. Brother I. C. Barrett, her pastor, conducted the funeral, assisted by Brother Jonas Hicks. Interment was made in her home cemetery at Townsend, Tenn. May God bless the bereaved and help each to follow the One who died for them .- Mrs. I. C. Barrett, Alcoa. Tenn. * * *

SMEDLEY

Mr. Sidney Smedley died April 17, 1935. He united with the Church of God in May 1918 and was a licensed cvange ist. He leaves a wife, Mrs. Willie Smedley, one brother and sister, and a host of other relatives and friends. Interment was made in Solern cemetery.-M. C. Wallace, Red Bay, Ala.

WOOLWINE

Mattie Emmaline Woolwine, wife of Rev. B. M. Woolwine, died June 2, 1935, at the age of twenty-one years, ten menths, and four days. She was a loyal member of the Church of God. Brother I. H. Brabson and Brother J. H. Mc-Craw conducted the funeral.-Mrs. Inia Holderfield, clerk, Galax, Va. * * *

WRIGHT

Mother Frances Wright, who was a member of the Church of God at Mt. View. St. Elizabeth, Jamaica, was born May 23, 1873, and died April 30, 1935. She lacked twenty-four days being sixtytwo years old .- H. T. Gentles, clerk.

Convention Reports

A GLORIOUS TIME IN THE LORD

The Church of God annual convention of the Huntington, W. Va., district was he d at Garrison, W. Va., March 29-31. Our meeting was opened with songs, music and a hearty welcome address by Brother G. W. Wriston. We believe every one felt welcome for they had such a glorious time in the Lord. Response was given by Brother James Harper and a wonderful talk by Sister Walker. We surely enjoyed her talk. Brother H. L. Patrick brought the message on "Qualification for the Rapture" which was wonderful. Altar service followed with many seekers for the Holy Ghost.

Saturday Brother J. F. Maynard and Marion Clagg brought us a sermon and many more good sermons were given which we would like to mention. Saturday night we had special healing and altar services. We had a wonderful praise service led by Brother Wriston. Brother Scoggins brought us a message on "The Duties of the Church and Pastors." Brother Patrick's little ten-year-old son preached us a sermon on the "Mighty Giant and David" in which God surely blessed.

Sunday our service opened with our regular Sunday School after which a talk was given by the district superintendent, L. C. Davis, on "The need of Sunday School." In the afternoon the Y. P. E. rendered a wonderful program. During the program the power fell, some were weeping and some rejoicing. Our district overseer of the Y. P. E. gave a talk on "Youth and Religion" after which Brother W. V. Cable preached to us on "The Great Commissioner."

Many subscriptions were obtained for the Evangel. We had many special songs and prayers. The mission offering received amounted to \$13.00. The convention came to a close with handshakes and geod-byes.—Don Turner, clerk.

OVER THE TOP FOR JESUS

The Linden, Fla., district convention of the Church of God convened at Linden, Fla., March 22-24. On Friday evening the convention opened with a good delegation and almost every church was represented. Songs, prayer and special music was rendered after which the welcome address was given by the local and district pastor, Brother W. H. Yates. Sister Lula Jones brought the message for the evening on the subject of "Bible

Standard for Christian Living." Truly God was with her in giving out His Word. This was greatly enjoyed and a benefit to all its listeners.

On Saturday afternoon the service opened with God in our midst. There was shouting, dancing and great rejoicing from the first song. Short talks were given by the ministers and several Biblical questions were asked and answered with much satisfaction. At seven o'clock Brother Leon Thomas spoke on "Spiritual Progression" after which Brother E. W. Williams brought us a God-inspired message on "Coming Dictator, Coming Tribulation, Coming Christ." This was good and many good points were brought out. Prayer and consecration followed this and every one seemed to be more inspired to get closer to the

Sunday morning Brother D. B. Fussell spoke for us on "Is Sunday School Necessary?" The mission offering was taken and every one seemed to respond to this great cause, the amount being \$20.04. Brother Williams delivered a soul-stirring sermon. The Lord surely blessed and gave him great inspiration. Every one listened attentively and enjoyed this good message. After this sermon we adjourned for lunch which was spread out under the oaks. There we received a good feast for our bodies. During the afternoon service reports of the churches were given. Some of the churches seemed to be on fire for the Lord and the revival spirit brewing everywhere. Most of the churches have gone over the top on their mission, camp ground indebtedness, and aged ministers' fund. An offering was taken at this time for our state overseer. Brother J. T. Roberts, our state evan-e'ist, brought us a very spiritual message. This was greatly en oyed by all its listeners and the Lord blessed in a wonderful way. There was much shouting, dancing and talking in tongues under the mighty power of God. Delegates from the different churches greatly ap-preciated the kindness and hospitality shown by the Linden people. May each church progress so that He may prosper us and manifest His blessings in a greater measure. The convention closed with a good praise service.-Florence Miller, Center Hill, Fla.

DISTRICT CONVENTION A BLESSING

The Copperhill District Convention convened at Etowah, Tenn., from March

1-3, inclusive, with Brother T. A. Richard, district pastor, moderating. The Lord was in our midst from the beginning. Brother Robert Bell gave the welcome address which made every one feel at home. Delegates from various parts of the district responded. We were grateful to have with us a girls' quartet from the Church of God Bible Training School. Surely they are doing a great work for the Lord in singing his praises. Brother Carl Campbell brought the message for us Friday night using as his subject, "The Signs of the Times."

Saturday morning found us still enjoying the presence of God. Our state overseer, Brother M. P. Cross, gave us some very helpful instructions, also in the afternoon he spoke to us again, inspiring us to do bigger and better things for the churches on our district. He also brought to our remembrance the need of taking care of our aged ministers. In the evening Brother Arthur Tarpley brought us the message which was a source of en-

Sunday the Lord showered us with many good things. We had a general discussion of our Sunday School lesson, then Brother E. M. Tapley brought us an inspiring message on "Sunday School", which made us all thank the Lord and take courage. Brother J. H. Walker then brought us a discussion of the Bible School and what it would mean to us. Surely this is a God-sent institution and we should all back it with our means and prayers. In the afternoon Brother M. P. Cross again brought us a wonderful sermon on, "The Church". The rest of the afternoon was spent in singing God's praises, and the report of the churches. The Pioneer Quartet from Bible School sang for us cheering us on our way.-Avis Dellinger, clerk.

REPORT OF JACKSONVILLE, FLA., DIST, CONVENTION

The Jacksonville district convention for the year 1935 is history, but the mental page of history records it as the greatest convention this district has ever known and one among the greatest of the entire state this year. The convention which convened April 5-7 was entertained by the Macclenny church, and I want to say here in behalf of all our visiting churches, we appreciate the royal treatment extended to us while attending this convention.

On Friday night, the 5th, as the folks began to gather in from over the district it seemed that you could feel the heavenly atmosphere settle down over the congregation as we entered into the devotional service, and it only became greater and our hearts began to swell with joy and praise as we listened to the good welcome address by Brother D. J. Cupp, the pastor at Macclenny. After

this a response to the welcome address was given by each pastor on the district or someone chosen by the pastor to make the response in his place.

About this time some of our fellow ministers, whose home church is on this district but who are pastoring churches in other sections of the state, came. These were Brothers Morris Wiggins, Virgil Combs, and Paul Taylor.

Saturday morning after the devotional service a good address on the subject of "Stability" was given by Brother E. L. Hicks, pastor of Otis and Saxton churches. After this a sermon on "Cooperation" by Brother G. G. Prince, pastor at Olustee, was enjoyed. I am sure those who heard this good message were made to realize the necessity of co-operation in order to be a success and make a success for God and His Church. At twelve o'c ock we adjourned for dinner. All assembled for devotion about one-thirty and at two o'clock we were favored with a sermon by Brother D. I. Cupp on the much needed subject of "The Ideal Church Member." Brother Cupp's cup got so full it ran over and we received the benefit of some of the b'essing ourselves. From three-thirty to four-thirty the "question and answer" hour was an instructive one. Saturday night the church was almost filled to its seating capacity. After some good spiritual songs and prayers a sermon was preached by the writer on the subject of 'The Youth and His Opportunities."

Sunday morning the church was soon filled and then they began standing, apparently eager to hear the good music, singing and sermons. The first speaker on the program was Brother Thomas W. Godwin, our Jacksonville district overseer. His subject was "The Pastor and His message." I wou'd be glad if every pastor in the state could have heard that good fatherly message. When Brother Godwin finished his message he proceeded to take the mission offering. Our people believe in supporting the worthy cause of missions and when the offering was counted it proved to be \$40.50 which was about \$6.00 more than the highest mission offering in any of the district conventions over the state this year.

At the morning preaching hour, our much beloved and esteemed state oversecr, Brother E. W. Williams, preached on the subject of "Deeper Consecration." To be able to appreciate this wonderful God-sent message you would have had to be there and hear it. Following this sermen the Pioneer Quartet from the B. T. S. sang and we were dismissed for neces.

Dinner was spread on the long tables on the north side of the church which was prepared for same, and after all were through eating there was a bountiful supply left.

In the afternoon was devotion followed by an address on "Supporting the Missions" by Sister W. L. Ware of Jacksonville. The Pioneer Quartet was with us and offered music for us during the entire convention, therefore an offering was taken Sunday afternoon for their benefit which amounted to \$14.00. These boys' music was much appreciated and after they sing together awhile longer we believe they will make a wonderful quartet.

At three o'clock we had report of the churches with a very large delegation to represent each church. With the extra good reports from the churches we were made to know that both the pastors and the church workers had been laboring faithfully to advance God's Church.

After a little more good advice and instructions from our overseer, Brothet Wil iams, came time for the last thing on the program, "handshakes and goodbyes."—E. L. Newton, pastor, Lake City church.

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erybody is invited. Bring well-filled baskets of good eats as we are to have all-day service and dinner. Pray for the meeting.—J. W. Buchan, pastor.

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Those who send handkerchiefs to me for prayer, please send postage as they come so fast I can't get stamps enough to answer them. Pray for the meeting in Duncan.—Geo. W. Moncey, Seminole, Okla.

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Brother Julius Nelson is no longer c'erk and treasurer. Brother C. C. Howard, Bx. 104, Whittenburg, Tex., has taken his place.

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I want to know the whereabouts of W. W. Lott or B. H. Lott, Johnnie Lott or Tom Nance. Any one knowing the address of these, please write me.—R. H. Nance, Rt. 1, Bx. 41-A, Pa'estine, Ark. **

For sale—Tent 30x60, in good condition. Was at Illinois state meeting this year.—Jim Foshe, Bx. 62, Leadwood, Mo.

The district convention for the Altoona district will convene at the Church of God at Altoona, Ala., June 28-30. Services will begin Friday night at seven o'clock and close Sunday at three o'clock. We want all the churches to please omit your services for that time and come. Let's have a real good convention. Brother G. C. Dunn will have the convention in charge. The church will give free entertainment. We hope to have the Harmony Four with us, also the string band from A'abama City.—J. M. Hartline, district pastor.

The Y. P. E's of the Electra district are to meet in an all-day fellowship meeting at Burkburnett, Tex., June 16, with the state superintendent, Brother Archie McWilliams, in charge. He is very much in need of a car in order that he might do his duty in visiting each district of the state and give us the help we need. We have planned to endeavor to raise an offering at the rally to help him make a down payment on some kind of a car. Let's be a Y. P. E. booster and give him our undivided co-operation and help him, with the Lord's help, to see the Y. P. E. go over the top in 1935. Join us in prayer for him that God may use him and provide him the much-needed conveyance.-A. Y. P. E. booster, Bessie Shannon, Electra district superintendent, Iowa Park, Texas.

FINAL COMMANDS

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we wil wish we had obeyed, not only these, the last commandments, but all the others as well.

Now again will you please see Acts "And when he had spoken 1:9-11, these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." This last and final message from Him was delivered by these heavenly messengers immediately after the ascension of Christ, and should be an inspiration and encouragement to every child of God. V. 8, "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.'

Again I will ask my brother ministers to glance back over their years in the ministry and think how many precious sou's they have seen receive this power as the second sign named in Mark 16:17 was fulfilled. I am sure I have seen hundreds of them receive this power as this sign was fulfilled, "They shall speak with new tongues." Good-bye, saints. Remember some of the final commands of the Lord.

REQUESTS

Pray for our revival at LaFrance, S. C., Brothers Carl Cox and Lowell McCoy in charge. The neighboring churches are invited to come and be with us. We are expecting to have communion service and feet washing June 16.—Yours under the blood, T. V. McCormick, pastor.

Orphanage Report

Orphanage cash receipts from Sunday Schools, churches, individuals, etc., for May, 1935:

Mooresville, N. C., \$2.13; Gastonia, N. C., \$1.57; Cramerton, N. C., \$3.78; Clinton, S. C., 72c; Alligood, N. C., 27c; Shelby, N. C., 50c; Greensboro, N. C., \$1.86; Chester, S. C., 10c; Bennettsville, S. C., 90c; Hope Mills, N. C., 78c; Hattiesburg; Miss., \$1.39; Patetown, N. C., \$1.72; Kermit, W. Va., 40c; West Gastonia, N. C., \$1.00; Rhodell, W. Va., 39c; Isaac Creek, N. C., 78c; Black Mountain, N. C., 35c; Hendersonville, N. C., 54c; Candler, N. C., \$1.38; Morgantown, Miss., \$2.36; Economy Shoe Shop (donation) \$3.45; LaBelle, Fla., \$2.78; Grand Ledge, Mich., \$3.82; Detroit, Mich., \$5.57; Wake Forest, N. C., \$1.08; Ft. Mill, S. C., \$1.43; Spartanburg, S. C., 51c; Mt. Holly, N. C., burg, S. C., 51c; Mt. Holly, N. C., \$1.37; Monroe, La., \$1.00; Lake City, S. C., 12c; Barnardsville, N. C., 34c; Ft. Myers, Fla., \$3.75; Crane Eater, Ga., 73c; Statesville, N. C., \$1.00; Lexington, N. C., 97c; Culberson, N. C., 40c; Lansing, Mich., \$1.85; East Laport, N. C., 10c; Icard, N. C., 83c; Tarboro, N. C., 35c; Tennelina, N. C., 40c; Cantwell, Mo., \$2.30; Lost Creek, W. Va., 42c; Alton, Fla., 2c; Dalton, Ga., \$1.06; Rome, Ga., \$8.30; Lenoir, N. C., \$4.47; Providence, N. C., \$1.47; Middletown, Ohio, \$2.22; Washington, N. C., \$2.39; Dudley, Mo., 10c; New Hope, Tex., 24c; Cedartown, Ga., 45c; Bristol, Tenn., \$2.36; Carson Springs, Tenn., \$1.30; Eldorado, Ill., \$2.97; Cressleys Corner, Pa., \$2.35; Docena, Ala., 68c; Bangor, Me., \$1.31; Seaford, Del., 46; Fairview, W. Va., 26c; Sebewa, Mich., \$1.12; W. Va., 26c; Sebewa, Michael Lannius, Tex., 36c; Ravia, Okla., 25c; Mohaerie Tex., 70c: Rochester, Tex., Mobeetie, Tex., 70c; Rochester, Tex., 28c; Graham, Tex., 67c; Long Beach, Calif., \$1.50; Carbon, Ind., 97c; Lax, W. Va., 63c; Marion, Va., \$1.98; Johnson City, Tenn., \$1.77; Marion, N. C., \$1.18; Bowling Green, Fla., \$1.98; Dorothy, W. Va., 25c; Huntington, W. Va., \$2.98; Lester, W. Va., \$2.49; Willis Branch, W. Va., \$1.40; Shooting Creek, N. C., \$1.04; Shawnee, Okla., \$1.29; Kentwood, La., 50c; Meyersdale, Pa., 38c; Clarksburg, W. Va., \$1.44; Manns Choice, Pa., 52c; Austin, Mich., \$1.39; Mattie Sinclair, Kannapolis, N. C., \$3.00; Kannapolis, N. C., \$8.11; Lanett, Ala, \$2.76; Salam S. C. C. Ala., \$2.76; Salem, S. C., 6c; Piney Grove, Ga., \$1.97; Riviera, Fla., \$2.09; Lake Wales, Fla., \$1.82; Belpre, Ohio, 86c; Lacoochee, Fla., \$2.61; Cedar Valley, Ga., 63c; Bauxite, Ark., 67; West End, York, Pa., \$1.27; Cincinnati, Ohio. \$5.74; Haynes, Ark., \$1.11; Borger, Tex., 91c; Ennis, W. Va., \$2.25; Patton, Mo., 35c; Sulphur Springs, Fla., \$2.74; Hudson, Fla., \$1.44; Valdese, N. C., \$1.99; Bellton, W. Va.. 16c; Coeburn, Va., \$2.25; Garrison, W. Va., 93c; Edwardsvi'le, Ala., 66c; Herring Tabernacle \$12., \$2.41; Joseph Chapel, Miss.,

14c; Crisfield, Md., \$3.60; Moundsville, W. Va., \$1.41; Seneca, S. C., 54c; La-France, S. C., 75c; Mt. Pleasant, Tenn., 45c; Walhalla Town, S. C., \$1.15; Hartwell, Ga., 9c; Lake Worth, Fla., \$4.22; Petersburg, W. Va., \$1.76; Chris-\$4.22; Petersburg, W. Va., \$1.76, Christian, W. Va., \$1.84; Charleston, W. Va., 17c; Wellston, Ohio, \$1.20; Walkertown, W. Va., 70c; Granite Falls, N. town, W. Va., 70c; Granite Falls, N. C., 40c; Sweetwater, Tenn., 66c; Lepanto, Ark., 72c; Freedom, Tex., 21c; Akron, Ohio. \$7.57; Richmond, Ky., 26c; Asheville, N. C., \$2.33; Moorhead, Miss., \$1.59; Parkwood, Ala., 38c; Naples, Fla., \$2.14; Manatee, Fla., \$7.61; Chicago, Ill., 78c; Stone Branch, W. Va., \$6.18; Massey Line, Ala., 23c; Grasshopper, Tenn., 40c; Toledo, Ohio, \$2.41; Bon Air, Tenn., \$1.54; Juniata, Pa., \$1.72; McAray, Ohio, 24c; Roosevelt, Ark., 84c; Pine Grove, Ala., 45c; Shi-loah, Miss., 14c; Blossom, Tex., 18c; Mitchells Chapel, Miss., 35c; Joplin, Mo., 82c; Broad Creek, N. C., 79c; Jefferson City, Tenn., 38c; Barbourville, Ky., \$2.64; St. Albans, W. Va., 70c; Radford, Va., 35c; Lowe, W. Va., 55c; Popular Run, Pa., \$1.25; Valdosta, Ga., 75c; Warren, Ohio, \$3.22; Johnstown, Pa., \$2.38; Midyale, Ohio, 71c; Gainesville, Ga., 22c; Macon, Ga., \$2.54; New Bethlehem, Pa., \$2.82; Sevierville, Tenn., 16c; Okechobee, Fla., \$2.50; Sale of Coupons, Colgate Palm Olive Peet Co., \$31.88; Jasper, Fla., \$1.00; Canton, O., \$3.65; Archers Fork, Ohio, \$1.75; Flint, Mich., 17.76; Newport, Tenn., \$2.00; Kohaka, Mo., 45c; Middlesboro, Ky., \$2.34; Jonesboro, Ala., 62c; Hot Springs, N. Mex., \$1.31; Crichton, Ala., 50c; Letcher, Ala., 46c; Chauncey, Ill., Wheel-\$3.04; Ft. Wayne, Ind., 58c; wright, Ky., \$1.14; Silver Point, Tenn., 30c; Chillicothe, Mo., 69c; Silver Point District Convention, Tenn., \$3.52; Oak Grove, Ky., 47c; Harrisburg, Pa., 93c; Adamsville, Ala., \$2.44; Twila, Ky., \$3.98; Oak Grove, Miss., 12c; Columbia, S. C., \$2.20; Ravenna, Va., \$2.00; Cliffview. Va. (dist. con.), \$5.35; Cliffview, Va., 49c; Lavonia, Ga., 33c; Baldwin Park, Ca'if., \$3.15 Reeds Chapel, Tenn., 36c; Augusta, Ga., \$4.90; East Side, Detroit, Mich., \$3.07; Carbon Hill, Ala., \$4.63; Langley, S. C., \$3.79; Warrenville, S. C., \$1.90; Cumberland, Ky., \$1.35; Kathleen, Fla., 29c; Portland, Me., \$4.68; Sharpe Chapei, Ark., 67c; Bartow, Fla., \$1.40; Lancaster, Ohio, \$4.16; Anderson, S. C., \$1.83; Frostproof, Fla., \$1.79; War, W. Va., \$2.99; Williamstown, W. Va., 10c; Hickory Grove, S. C., 18c; Perry, Okla., \$1.33; St. Stephens S. C., 60c; Lawton, Okla., \$1.01; High Spire, Pa., \$1.23; Shrewsbury, W. Va., 88c; Louisville, Ky., \$4.50; W. St. Louis, Mo., \$2.17; Pomroy, Ohio, \$1.54; Somerset, Pa., \$3.65; Starkey, Va., \$3.32; Lake Citv, Fla., 49c; Coal Springs, S. Dak., \$3.50; Bogalusa, La., 32c; Winter Haven, Fla., 46c; Ft. Meade, Fla., \$3.19; Olustee, Fla., \$6.60; LaFrank, W. Va., 10c; Sumiton, Ala., 51c; West Devon, P. E. I., 62c; Big Timber, Mont., \$3.47; Net-leton, Ar' 44c; Ft. White, Fla., 4c; ton, Ar'

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Miss., 25c; Berryton, Ga., \$4.00; Lignite, N. Dak., \$3.94; Princess Chapel, Tenn., 30c; Memphis, Tenn., \$1.70; Selma, Ala., 30c; Cooper, N. Mex., \$2.46; Paxton, Ind., \$1.24; Mineral Ridge, Tenn., \$.106; Mrs. Cora Boswell, Ohio, 10c; Mobridge, S. D., \$6.92; Henrietta, Tex., 5c; Naugatuck, W. Va., 12c; New Lacy, Ga., 35c; Weatherford, Tex., 50c, Orangeburg, S. C., \$2.83; McMinnville, \$1.89; Tenn., \$4.64; Deering, Mo., Elizabethton, Tenn., \$3.52; McCowans Creek, Tenn., 47c; Erwin, N. C., \$4.16; Lester, Pa., \$3.50; Carnagey McRae, Billings, Mont., \$1.00; Billings, Mont., 75c; Pulaski, Va., \$1.35; Mission, Greenville, S. S., \$4.00; Broad Mt., Ark., \$1.20; Oakridge, Ga., \$1.00; Rocky Mt., N. C., \$2.20; Plant City, Fla., \$2.20; District Convention, Joplin, Mo., \$3.50; Higgin's Land, Jam., 23c; Uhrichsville, O., 1.76; Waycross, Ga., \$1.14; Wilmington, N. C., \$5.82; Rocky Hill, Miss., \$c; Marvel, Ala., 46c; Philadelphia, Pa., 77c; Grasshopper, Tenn., \$2.80; Earls Grove, Tenn., \$4.40; South Lebanon, O., \$6.20; Newport, Tenn., 30c; Dayton, Ohio, \$4.17; Estatoe, N. C., 15c; Canton, N. C., \$1.73; Statesville, N. C., \$1.23; Rome, Ga., \$3.25; Easley, S. C., \$1.67; West Gastonia, N. C., \$1.61; Asheville, N. C., \$2.64; Black Mt., N. C., \$1.45; Daileys Chapel, Ala., 30c; Draper, N. C., \$2.20; Carrier Mill., Ill., \$1.60; LaBelle, Fla., \$5.20; Erlanger, N. C., \$3.27; Mooresville, N. C., \$3.50; Eldorado, Ill., \$3.59; Hubball, W. Va., 82.13; Mt. Pleasant, Tenn., 46c; Lakeworth, Fla., \$2.55; Riviera, Fla, 92c; Bowling Green, Fla., \$1.04; Carlsbad, N. Mex., \$2.06; Lexington, N. C., 50c; Providence, N. C., \$1.05; Chester, S. C., 26c; Bon Air, Tenn., \$2.18; New Hope, Tex., 10c; Shooting Creek, N. C., \$1.99; Broad Creek, N. C., 86c; Anderson, S. C., \$4.13; Valdese, N. C., \$1.78; Shelby, N. C., 61c; South Gastonia, N. C., \$1.61; Alligood, N. C., 27c; Mt. Zion, Miss., \$1.00; Patton, Mo., 82c; Coa'mont, Ind., 50c; Thomasville, Ga., 20c; Bison, S. Dak., \$2.00; Culberson, N. C., 49c; Glamorgan, Va., \$1.00; Isaac Creek, N. C., 90c; Naples, Fla., \$2.82; Hazel Green, Kv., 34c; Lake Wales, Fla., \$1.63; Sulphur Springs, Fla., \$2.24; Mt. Holly, N. C., \$1.57; Clinton, S. C., 60c; Lacoochee, Fla., \$1.14; Union, S. C, 41c; New Georgia, Ala., \$1.41.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. Minnie Jones, Charlotte, N. C., 1 ouilt top; Marv King, Monarat, Va., 1 dress, 1 slip; Mrs. J. S. Holbrook, Ba'dwin Park, Calif., 3 bath towels, 7 wash clothes, 3 ladies' handkerchiefs, 2 spools thread; Mrs. Edna L. Eliott, Danville, Ohio, 1 pr. slippers, 2 ties, 1 brassiere, 1 belt, 10 hats, 1 tam (worn), 2 ties, 2 hats (new); Eliza Hill, Cincinnati, Ohio, 6 wash c'othes, 5 pr. socks, 2 spool's thread, 3 1-4 yds. prints, 2 3-4 yds. prints;

We received a nice load of things from Howard D. Statum's district, Virginia. The report will appear in a later issue.

THE CALL TO ARMS AND OUR ARMOR

(Continued from page 5) there hung on the walls of the prison the soldier's coat of arms, and as he viewed them and thought of their usefulness to the soldier he wrote his letter to the Ephesians embodying in his admonition a comparison of modern warfare and equipment as an illustration to encourage and warn the Christian church.

Thus he says, "Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with the truth.' We only stand as we stand in truth. Men must love the truth and hate the evil. The gird'e of the soldier kept all other pieces of his armor in place. Without possession of and obedience to the truth, an attempt at righteousness would be futile. Without it faith would be a mere phantasy. Faith is based upon the veracity of truth. If we do not possess the truth as it is in Christ Jesus, then the shield of faith, the breastplate, the helmet, and all such, are of no avail. The triumph of the Christian soldier is accomplished only as the Spirit and word of truth conquer the spirit of error and falsehood. The man or woman who attempts to stand for the God of truth (Titus 1:2) must first girdle himself or herself with truth. Truth alone can triumph over Satan, the father of lies, Jno. 8:44.

THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHT-EOUSNESS

The breastplate of the military soldier protected his heart, the seat of physical life. The breastplate of the Christian is worn as pictured by our Lord going forth unto battle in Isa. 59:17. The breastplate of righteousness does not consist in moral rectitude; rather it is righteousness obtained by faith in an acceptance of the truth of the gospel of the imputed righteousness of Christ. In putting on the breastplate of righteousness, men are bound by the law of truth to always do right. Righteousness can only be drawn about us as we are girded with truth. The man who is girded with truth, and who is wearing the breastplate of righteousness which comes by faith, is more than a match for the Satanic falsehood and deceit. This piece of armor manifests to the outside world what truth has wrought in the heart.

THE GREAVES, OR FEET-GUARDS

"Having your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace," v. 13. The Roman soldier wore a military boot which covered the shin or front of the leg. The sandal was worn laced unto the sole of the foot. Thus guarded, he could travel over the thorny and rugged ways without danger of being cut or lashed by protruding hindrances. He could place his foot with firmness and safety. Only as thus guarded can we, as Christian men and women, dare to travel amidst the many false theories as taught of mankind today.

We must be shod with the gospel of peace, which will make us ready to march when our captain gives us orders. You can only invade the camp of the enemy when you are armed and protected from the theories of dust that are certain to cleave unto your foot. We preserve ourselves by living the truth. We manifest it by displaying righteousness. We preserve the truth as a Christian doctrine and principle by spreading it. And though we are to fight against principalities and powers, rulers of darkness, etc., we do so only as we are peacemakers. We subdue violence by preaching and living the gospel of peace.

SHIELD OF FAITH

"Above all taking the shield of faith." The shield of faith, like the armor, covered the whole body, thus we are doubly protected. The object of faith is Christ, upon whom we are dependent for "things hoped for." Without faith in Christ we cannot quench the fiery darts of the wicked.

"Faith is the victory that overcometh the wor'd," John 5:4, 5. The shield was curved to fit the body, about four feet long and 2 and one half ft. wide. These shields joined together would afford protection to an entire body of soldiers, hiding them from the rain of the opposing army's missiles. Faith as held by a body of Christians preserves the congregation from invasion of the evil forces of Satan As in military warfare the missiles headed with lead would fall as they (Continued on page 14)

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MISSIONS

SUPERVISOR VISITS THE BAHAMAS

By

E. W. WILLIAMS, Chrm. Mission Board

I haven't time or space to give a minute report of the convention and the work on the islands, but I will endeavor to give a brief sketch.

Brother E. O. Kerce, pastor of the church at Manatee, Fla., accompanied me on my trip. We were glad to have him with us. Tuesday morning abou: 8:30 we boarded a plane and arrived in Nassau at 10:25, making the trip in one hour and fifty-five minutes. We found a warm reception awaiting us and at about 11:30 we were at the convention hall and had the privilege of giving a response to the welcome address.

The convention was one of the best and the presence of the Lord was manifested in a wonderful way. Brother Franks, overseer of the islands, was at his post of duty and had a well arranged program. The order and manner in which it was carried out was excellent. There were many good sermons and some of the best singing we have ever heard. Sometimes I suppose there were as many as one hundred on the floor dancing, shouting and praising God.

The work on the islands seems to be progressing very well considering the adverse circumstances which confront them. We listened to the good reports from the various islands, which made us feel good. However, if you could have heard the reports and the conditions those native workers are laboring under, your heart would have been touched. Some of those pastors, according to their reports, hardly receive enough tithes in twelve months to take care of them one week here in the States. I believe one church on Long Island paid in tithes, one pound, five shillings, and a few quarts of corn, which would be in our money approximately \$6.50. Another pastor received eighteen shillings, which would be \$4.50. Some of the other pastors received more and some of them received less. About the only churches that are self-supporting are Abaco and the Nassau churches. The only place to earn much of a living is in Nassau. It seems that the native workers work at Nassau through the tourist season, making a little money to buy their clothes with and then they grto the outer islands and preach until they have to return for more clothes. They can get plenty to eat on the outer islands, such as pigeon peas, corn, etc., but there is not much means of earning money on the outer islands.

The overseer of Cat Island reported that they had lost a church because they were not able to keep up the rent which was 60c per month or \$7.20 per year. It is hard to maintain a church there unless they have a building to worship in as other organizations have gone in there, built churches and you can hardly get those native people to leave a place of worship where they have a building and so to another place where they haven't any. I feel sure if we could get our people to understand the conditions that are existing in these islands, there are individuals that could and would pay the rent on some of those buildings to keep the work going. The ministers seem to be faithful and are working and co-operating with their overseer. Let us pray

earnestly that God will supply the needs to carry on this good work.

As we had finished most of our work there by Friday and there would be no other plane leaving until Tuesday, we decided to take the plane out for Miami Friday afternoon. A number of the people accompanied us to the airport to bid us farewell. We had the privilege of riding on the large Southern Clipper, four motor, forty-two passenger plane. We made the trip in one hour and thirty-six minutes which would take from twelve to sixteen hours on a boat.

The mission work, in general, seems to be moving along very nicely. We hope the churches will see the importance of raising their quotas and that we will have a 100 per cent report at the camp meeting.

SPECIAL NOTICE

We would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Alice Butler, last heard of at Lake City, Ark. If not heard from by the next conference her name will be dropped from the roll. H. L. Berry, moderator; J. S. Watson, clerk, Mt. Zion church, Step Rock, Ark.

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THE EXPECTATION OF GOD TOWARD HIS PEOPLE IN SIGNS

C. E. GLENN

Introduction: It will be our purpose to contrast the signs and what God expects.

Isa. 7:11, "Ask thee a sign of the Lord thy God; ask it either in the depth or in the height above."

First we will notice the ancient signs -the cloud and pillar of fire, the fleece that Gideon put out (Judges 6:38), also to the man of God (1 Kings 13:3), and to Isaiah a sign of the virgin that will bear a son and shall call his name Immanuel, and another sign at his birth to the shepherds, Luke 2:12. Then as Jesus came out of the temple in Matt. 24:1-14 and spoke of the temple to be thrown down, the disciples came to Him on the mount of Olives privately, saying, "Tell us when shall these things be, and what shall be the sign of thy coming." Jesus answered and related unto them many things that would come to pass and what would bring the end.

Notice how the world is moving by signs, physical signs and commercial signs, political signs and social signs. On the highways there are signs pointing one way and the other, and of course as to danger. There are the commercial signs of merchandise, what the merchant has to offer, and banks, of their service, also the signal lights in the city, when to stop and to go, also the secret orders as Moose and Elks, they all go by signs, also the fog bells of the lakes, lighthouses, fire whistles, etc.

The drunkards and saloons, beer gardens, poker rooms and dance parlors, and houses of prostitution, are the signs of sin and the devil. Every sinner is a sign of sin and what the devil is doing. Look at 2 Peter 3:3, 4. Scoffers and scientists assert the uniformity of nature. The modernist, oncoming of apostasy, unbelief and atheism, greed, selfishness, delusions, lukewarmness in churches, formalism and worldiness are signs that are moving in the world.

What does God expect of His people? Jesus gave the commission in Mark 16: 15-20, "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe." We know the tendency with many is to fall back from the common struggles of men, but in some ways they nurse their slothful loves and dainty sympathies. It is not thus we best serve our King. There is rough, hard work to be done, misery to be lightened and soothed, the false to be put down and the truth set up in its place, wrong to

be scouraged into shame and fear, and right to be maintained and defended. Do not shrink from this field of labor my brother, where the need seems the greatest and the battle the sorest. Throw yourself among the combatants in all proper ways, own and confess the great Redeemer, and let us, not as being wiser than you, my brethren, but as speaking to you the Word of the Lord, advise you to this course, and lose no time. Let us make our calling and confidence in Christ sure. The sweet Holy Ghosz is saying, "Show my signs. These signs shall follow them that believe." Let us put our trust in Him and obey in giving and sending as we can. So many places the gospel is needed and lots of good preachers are depending on the Lord and His body to help send this truth to the lost. Let us run and carry the message or send some one. What does Jesus expect of you?

One of our sisters in the Church of God went to the hospital and had an X ray picture made of her body. It showed cancer of the bowels and the doctor said she couldn't live over a month, but she called for prayer and felt God's hand

touch her body. She is still living, praise our God. Pray for her complete healing.

The work is moving good on P. E. I. We had five to come into the church at Harmony and also had a wonderful Easter program which was well attended. The program was made up of the Y. P. E. and Sunday School. It surely was a success. The good boys and girls did their best. There is good material for the Church of God here. Many of the boys and girls, even the sinners, want to attend the Bible School in Maine. Pray that God will make a way for some of them to go. We are planning on building a parsonage for the church there and up here at West Devon we are planning on building a church and parsonage. We have lots of the material ready. Do pray for this work.

Rom. 15:30; Rom. 10:13-17. "Whesoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?" Let us not disappoint the Lord.

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EDITORIALS

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Nearly 233,000 persons in the United States are engaged in the manufacture, distribution, and operation of slot machines and punch boards, the kindergarten devices which develop gambling propensities among children.

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—O— SPIRIT OF ANTICHRIST

In the modern dictator can be traced the intensification of the spirit of antichrist. Dictators seem to be man-haters as well as God-haters. Human life is of no value to those who are "without natural affection." "Let ninety per cent of the people of Russia perish," cried Lenin the revolutionary dictator. And the s'ogan of the reds is "Down with LOVE * we must learn to HATE." This is the spirit of antichrist which is already in the world and which is swiftly ripening until "the man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; who opposeth and exalteth himself ABOVE ALL THAT IS CALLED GOD" (II Thess. 2:3, 4).

Napoleon Bonaparte was a man-hater as well as a God-hater before the Most High humbled him into the dust. The Rev. David Rutledge relates the following story.

When Metternich the Austrian Ambassador was discussing the matter of a "peace" with Napoleon at Dresden, in 1813, he said to Bonaparte, "Sir, France needs peace." "No," replied Napoleon.

"France does not desire peace, she desires more glory." "Sir," replied Metternich. "France does indeed need peace. My way to Dresden led me through the midst of your regiments. Your soldiers are mostly young men, and if these are shot away will you call out 200,000 children to take their place?" The thrust went home. Napoleon grew white with anger, and casting his cap to carpet stamped upon it, and screamed, "Metternich, you are no soldier. You have never lived in camps and learned to despise human life. What are 200,000 men more or less to me? Human life be damned ! !" "Let us open the windows then," said Metternich with irony, "that all Europe may

Thus did ambition harden the heart of Napoleon so that he was prepared to wade through seas of blood of his own countrymen in order to gratify his own ambition.—The Prairie Pastor.

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